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**Applicant(s)** : Masashi HAMADA

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**Examiner** : Brandon J. Miller

**For** : ***COMMUNICATING APPARATUS, COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, COMMUNICATING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM***

**AMENDMENT**

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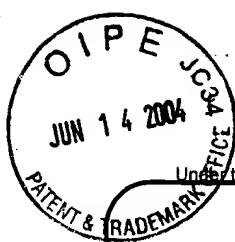
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